

VETAC

Virginia Educational Technology Advisory Committee

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VETAC Committee Meeting
James Monroe Building
Conference Room D
Richmond, VA
October 5, 2004 10:00 a.m.

Attendance

Jim Carroll – Chair - Medium School Division
Steve Baker - Regional Study Group VIII Representative
Pamela Burnette – Regional Study Group VII Representative
Janet Copenhaver - Regional Study Group VI Representative
Bill Flaherty - Virginia Association of School Business Officials
Fraser Getgood - Virginia Association of Science Teachers
Joe Hill - Regional Study Group V Representative
Sharon Hurwitz - Virginia Association of Teachers of English
Virginia Jones - Virginia Middle School Association
John Littlefield –Regional Study Group II Representative
Harley Miles – Charlottesville City Public Schools
Dave Mirra - Regional Study Group III Representative
Paul Nichols - Business and Industry Representative
Zahrl Schoeny - Virginia Association of Colleges of Teacher Education
Thelma Smith - Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals
Marilyn Walls - Regional Study Group I Representative
Susan Clair - Department of Correctional Education
Bill Dotson - Virginia Society for Technology in Education
Alan Edwards - State Council of Higher Education in Virginia
Jane James - Virginia Educational Media Association
Royce Paige - Virginia School Boards Association
Sherry Ward - Virginia Council for Private Education
Melissa Warren – Virginia State Reading Association
Linda Pharis - Director Educational Services, SBRA (for) Larry Crum, Business and Industry Representative

Department of Education Personnel

Gloria Barber – Director, Office of Educational Technology
Jason Ellis – Office of Educational Technology
Linda Holt – Office of Educational Technology
Ellen Kozlowski – Office of Educational Technology
Charlie Makela – Office of Educational Technology
Juliette Mersiowsky – Office of Educational Technology
Lan Neugent - Department of Education Advisor
Mark Saunders – Office of Educational Technology
Richard Schley – Office of Educational Technology
Sarah Susbury – Office of Educational Technology

Bethann Canada – Director, Educational Informational Technology
Greg Weisiger - Teleproduction
Peter White – Teleproduction
Susan Noble – Teacher Quality Enhancement

Agenda

Opening – The meeting was called to order by Jim Carroll who welcomed new members, Alan Edwards, Melissa Warren, Bill Dotson, Royce Paige, Mark Saunders, and Jason Ellis.

Minutes – were approved on a motion by Bill Flaherty and second by Sharon Hurwitz

OLD BUSINESS

Administrator Technology Standards

Zahr Schoeny and Dave Mirra presented the proposed standards indicating that ISTE/NETS had been used as a model. State by state data was presented as well as a demonstration of the training resource that will be available. The next step is to format for consideration by ABTEL in November. Committee members should give feedback by October 19 via the website.

VETAC Leadership Award

Gloria Barber nominated Nolan Kilgore. Paul Nichols moved the approval of the nomination with a second by Marilyn Walls. The committee granted unanimous approval.

Multi-Tiered Licensure Project

Susan Noble, Office of Teacher Quality Enhancement gave a special report on the Teacher Quality Forum. The report recommends a three-tier licensure designation: beginning, career, and teacher leader. The Office of Educational Technology will assign two staff members along with VETAC committee members; Sharon Hurwitz, Zahr Schoeny, Thelma Smith, and Susan Clair to prepare criteria for appropriate use of educational technology by teachers at each tier.

NEW BUSINESS

Student Technology Standards

Charlie Makela reported on the draft of the revised Computer/Technology SOL standards. The Board of Education has approved the initiative and the implementation timeline. A set of performance indicators and integration strategies will comprise a resource document to accompany the new standards for grades K-12. Feedback on the first 4 pages of the draft is requested of VETAC via website and email to Charlie before the December conference. The standards will be available for use by Fall 05.

VETAC 2004-2005 Calendar

The Committee will hold the February 8, 2005 meeting at Kings Fork High School in Suffolk, hosted by John Littlefield. Directions to campus will precede the February meeting.

VETAC Agenda Topics for 2004-2005

Jim Carroll gave an overview of the topics and reported that small group work sessions would be the format of the February meeting. (Suggest listing the topics here or refer to an attachment to the minutes that lists the topics).

Virginia Virtual Schools Guidelines Document-Greg Weisiger presented the guidelines and explained how the Virtual AP School guidelines are similar to the Distance Learning policies. The Virtual AP School includes Virginia Education Satellite AP classes.

Technology Resource Specialist

Jason Ellis is working on the job description for the technology resource specialist. This position is meant to be a master teacher, skilled in technology, pedagogy, theory, and techniques. Guidance documents related to this new teacher support position will be sent to divisions early in 2005

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Web-based SOL Initiative

Sarah Susbury reported that the initiative

<http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Technology/soltech/soltech.html>

is being expanded to middle schools during the Spring 2005 semester.

Educational Technology Leadership Conference

The conference <http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Technology/OET/conf.shtml>

will be held on December 1-3 at the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center. Linda Holt described features of the 2004 conference.

Ed Tech Grant <http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Technology/EdTech/>

Mark Saunders reported that award notices will be sent to school divisions on October 1st. Of the 132 school divisions, 55 submitted an individual application and 77 opted to submit a consolidated application. Virginia's grant award is \$10,334,456.00.

EIMS (Educational Information Management System)

Bethann Canada reported that the Department is working with Pearson Education Measurement in 16 school divisions to pilot EIMS. Additional pilots will be conducted in January 2005. EIMS

<http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Technology/EIMS/> features:

- ☐ Decision support tools for teachers and administrators
- ☐ Training for educators on using information to make better decisions
- ☐ Ability to pre-identify students for state assessments
- ☐ Standard and ad-hoc reporting
- ☐ Secure web-based data transfer

Web-Based Electronic Federal Grant Reporting

Richard Schley reported on a new electronic reimbursement procedure for the Ed Tech grants. In the future the grant application process will also be paperless, including the VPSA grant.

Federal Educational Technology Plan

Lan Neugent urged committee to take a look at the federal educational technology plan

<http://www.nationaletechplan.org/>. He also pointed out the support given by CoSN and ISTE for the plan. Model letters are available for those organizations and committee members who want to address the proposed \$91M reduction in Title II, Part D funding.

ADJOURNMENT

John Littlefield moved to adjourn. Zahrl Schoeny seconded the motion. Jim Carroll adjourned the meeting.